

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 2/21/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-12,14-18,21-27,29 and 30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

There was no prior art found by the examiner that suggested modification or combination with the cited art so as to satisfy the combination of all the limitations in claims 1, 11, 16 and 26.

As to claim 1, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render limitations "directing the patterned collimated beam of light through the aircraft canopy, wherein the aircraft canopy distorts the patterned collimated beam of light to produce a distorted image on an imaging screen, wherein the distorted image is electronically imaged and stored in memory, and wherein a distance between the aircraft canopy and the imaging screen is varied between a first distance and a second distance; comparing the distorted image to the undistorted image to determine the optical distortions caused by the aircraft canopy", in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 1.

As to claim 11, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render limitations "recording a distorted image of the contrasting optical pattern with the camera located within the 3-D PEV, wherein the distorted image is stored in memory, wherein a distance between the aircraft canopy and the contrasting optical pattern is varied between a first distance and a second distance; and comparing the distorted image to the undistorted image to determine the optical distortions caused by the aircraft canopy", in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 11.

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As to claim 16, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render limitations "the light source to generate a beam of light, the collimator, and plurality of subapertures are located within the aircraft canopy and the imaging screen is located outside of the aircraft canopy; and a distance between the aircraft canopy and the imaging screen is varied between a first distance and a second distance; and a processing unit operable to compare the distorted image to the undistorted image and determine the optical distortions caused by the aircraft canopy", in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 16.

As to claim 26, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render limitations "a contrasting optical pattern external to the aircraft canopy, wherein a distance between the aircraft canopy and the contrasting optical pattern is varied between a first distance and a second distance", in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 26.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoa Q. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-

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2426. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM TO 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tarifur Chowdhury can be reached on (571) 272-2287. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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